

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated March 5, 2008.

Claim 28 is amended, no claims have been canceled, and no new claims have been added. Claim 20 was previously canceled. As a result, claims 1-19 and 21-180 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

Claim 28 is amended to correct a missing punctuation mark and not because of the cited prior art.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-16, 8, 19, 21-74, 78-109 and 118-180 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Treyz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,335).

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the Applicant's previous arguments that Treyz fails to teach the limitation "...address is embedded in the programming signal..." indicating that Treyz teaches such features.

Applicant respectfully brings to the Examiner's attention the claim of priority of the present application. More specifically, the present application claims priority as a continuation-in-part (CIP) of at least application serial number 09/054,740 filed on April 3, 1998 (now **US Patent No. 6,233,736**) which is a CIP of application serial number 08/597,432 filed on February 9, 1996 (now **US Patent No. 5,761,606**).

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention that both of the patents 6,233,736 (filed on April 3, 1998) and 5,761,606 (filed on February 8, 1996) pre-date Treyz (filed on January 24, 2000).

Applicant further brings to the Examiner's attention that at least the limitation "...address is embedded in the programming signal..." as claimed in claim 1 was disclosed by both of the patents 6,233,736 and 5,761,606.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the 102 rejection has been overcome, and independent claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over Treyz.

At least for the same reason, Applicant submits that the remaining independent claims and their corresponding dependent claims are also patentable over Treyz.

As for independent claim 112, Applicant submits that the limitation “...wherein the destination information is embedded in the programming signal...” is similar to the limitation presented above, and claim 112 and its dependent claims are patentable over Treyz.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Treyz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,335) as applied to claim 16 above, and in view of Merchant (U.S. Patent No. 6,240,183).

Claims 75-77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Treyz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,335) as applied to claim 35 above, and in view of Hiyokawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,047,235).

Claims 110-117 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Treyz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,335) and in view of DeLorme et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,040).

As for claims 17, 75-77 and 110-111, Applicant submits that since these claims depend from independent claims that are patentable over Treyz at least for the reasons presented above, these claims as also patentable. Their 103 rejections have been overcome.

As for claims 112-117, Applicant submits that claim 112 is patentable over Treyz at least for the reasons presented above, and since claims 113-117 depend from claim 112, they are also patentable. Their 103 rejections have been overcome.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at 408-278-4059 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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